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FORMER OWNER AND FORMER BOOKKEEPER OF SPRINGFIELD COMPANY PLEAD GUILTY TO INCOME TAX VIOLATIONS

DAYTON, OHIO -- Tannile Ortiz, 38, of Galloway, Ohio and Paul Olzeski, 68, of Independence, Kentucky each pleaded guilty to one count of conspiring to impede and obstruct the lawful functions of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Ortiz and Olzeski each face a maximum of five years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.

Carter M. Stewart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio and Troy N. Stemen, Acting Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation, Cincinnati Field Office announced Ortiz's guilty plea entered yesterday before Senior U.S. District Judge Walter H. Rice. Olzeski entered his guilty plea before Senior U.S. District Judge Walter H. Rice on August 3, 2015.

According to court documents, between 2009 and 2010, in Clark County, Ohio, Olzeski and Ortiz helped each other conceal reportable income that they had earned from the IRS.

Olzeski jointly owned several related businesses, collectively referred to as S&A that operated in Springfield, Ohio. Ortiz worked for S&A, managing its bank accounts and handling its bookkeeping.

Beginning in 2009, Olzeski and Ortiz began submitting their personal non-business related expenses for payment from S&A's bank account. Ortiz, with Olzeski's consent, routinely used S&A funds to pay for their non-business expenditures, including family meals, groceries, and child care. In paying for their own personal expenses with S&A funds, Olzeski and Ortiz each earned thousands of dollars in taxable income that they knowingly failed to report to the IRS during 2009 and 2010.

"Tax violations have been erroneously referred to as victimless crimes, but it's the honest law-abiding citizen who is harmed when someone tries to manipulate our nation's tax system," said Troy N. Stemen, Acting Special Agent in Charge, IRS Criminal Investigation, Cincinnati Field Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Brent Tabacchi and was investigated by special agents of IRS-Criminal Investigation.

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